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Dear Mr. Booher:

This letter of support for grants # G13-02-18-G01, G13-02-18-P01, and G13-02-18-R01 is being submitted on behalf of the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national non-profit trail-based recreation group.

G13-02-18-G01 will perform important on-going trail maintenance and recreational signage on 19 miles of shared use OHV trail (Trails 5E12A, 5E12B, 5E12C, 5E14, 5E17, 5E21A, 5E21C, 5E23, 5E24, 5E39, 5E41 and 5E43) within the Mad River Ranger District, and to perform on-going trail maintenance and recreational signage on 29 miles of shared use OHV trail (Trails 4N01, 4N06, 4N32, 4N32E, 4N36B, 5N04, 4E43, 5E51, 5N18, 5N10, 5N13, 5N15, 5N18, 5N20, 5N25, 5N31, 5N33, 5N32, 5N34, 5N35, 5N36, 5N41, 5N42, 5N44, 6N38, 6N36, 6N08) within the Lower Trinity Ranger District, Six Rivers National Forest.

G13-02-18-P01 will help fund a Motorized Travel Management Analysis Plan for the Mad River Ranger District. The analysis will lay the framework and foundation for the future environmental analysis requirements in order to plan for the following activities; authorize updating the Mad River Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map, identify urgently needed road decommissioning and road improvements, as well as designating additional motorized routes (which are currently unauthorized) that provide access to non-motorized recreational opportunities.

The final product of this planning proposal will be a district wide Travel Analysis Plan, in accordance with the Federal Travel Management Rule. No ground disturbing or restoration activities are included in this grant proposal. The Transportation Analysis Plan will require an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists to weight the environmental risks and consequences associated with the planned actions.

The project area encompasses approximately 630 miles of system roads and 30 miles of currently unauthorized routes.

G13-02-18-R01 proposes to restore and repair infested habitat by performing non-native invasive plant removal on 44 invasive plant sites on 29 motorized trails (20.63miles) located within the Lower Trinity and Mad River Ranger Districts.

BRC appreciates the Forest's "all hands approach" in regards to its managed OHV recreation program. We continue to encourage the Forest to designate the "companion trail" along Forest Highway 1 as an important element to the trail system on the unit.

BRC also believes the agency should continue to look for mixed-use designations (on Forest Roads) and work with the county on "Combined Use" designations for paved county roads and "Non-Highway" designations for native surfaced county roads to help connect FS system trails so they can be better utilized by non-street legal "Green Sticker" vehicles.

BRC believes these proposals are appropriate considering that unique backcountry nature of trail opportunities on the Forest.

BRC strongly supports these grants and looks forward to working with you and other stakeholders to support OHV management on the Six Rivers National Forest.

Best regards,

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